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COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS GOLMARK ANNOUNCES PILOT PROJECT WITH FOUR FIRMS TO TURN WOOD FROM STATE LANDS INTO RENEWABLE ENERGY

Peter Goldmark, Commissioner of Public Lands

(ANNOUNCER) Washington has literally millions of acres of trees. Many are unhealthy and in over-crowded stands. State Commissioner of Public Lands Peter Goldmark wants to change that by selling tons of poor quality wood and slash left after timber harvests to companies that will turn it into renewable energy.

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(PETER GOLDMARK) “IT’S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO TURN WHAT’S NOW A WASTE PRODUCT INTO JOBS, THROUGH THE CREATION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES THAT WILL ALSO HELP FOREST HEALTH AND FOREST-FIRE REDUCTION AND IMPROVE OUR RENEWABLE FUELS ENVELOPE AT THE SAME TIME.”

(ANNOUNCER) Goldmark oversees the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, which manages more than 2 million acres of forestland. This week, Goldmark announced that DNR will be selling forest biomass to four companies with pilot projects to generate clean energy from state trust land timber.

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(PETER GOLDMARK) “THESE COMPANIES NEED CERTAINTY OF SUPPLY AND DNR OFFERS THAT. WE HAVE ROUGHLY 2 MILLION ACRES OF STATE FOREST THAT CAN OFFER A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF SUPPLY FOR THIS FLEDGLING INDUSTRY.

(ANNOUNCER) Goldmark says the first projects in DNR’s biomass initiative will take place in the towns of:

- Bingen in Klickitat County.
- Valley and Springdale in Stevens County
- Omak in Okanogan County, and
- Port Angeles

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